# Request For Review

CC Docket No. 02-6

Application Number 947433 Sabinal ISD 409 West Cullins Sabinal, TX



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### FCC Appeal Letter for BEN 141781 (Sabinal ISD, Sabinal, TX)

Appeal For: USAC Administrator's Decision on Appeal CC Docket No. 02-6

Application Type and Number: Form 471 #947433

FRN: 2604780

Billed Entity Number: 141781 Funding Year: 2014-2015

Appeal Reason: 486 was filed late and amount committed was reduced

Service Provider: Education Service Center 20

SPIN: 143007616

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This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the Form 486 Filing Timeline/Deadline for SABINAL ISD Funding Year 2014-2015

#### **Rationale for Request:**

During funding year 2014-2015 it was my responsibility to oversee the eRate program for Sabinal ISD and make sure that forms were filed on time and deadlines were met. In order for me to do this I employed Janis Benson who was an independent contractor who had dealt with the eRate program since its inception to assist me. When we began working together during the 2014-2015 funding year she informed me that she intended to retire soon and that I needed to find another contractor. She assisted me with filing the 470, 471, and 486 forms before she retired. Neither one of us caught the error where the 486 was not filed for Education Service Center 20 (Spin# 143007616).

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The first I noticed that there was a problem was when the Education Service Center 20 contacted me and informed me that their billing to USAC was denied. I immediately filed a Form 486 and received a letter back stating that our committed funds were reduced from \$38,880.00 to \$9,720.00.

I have successfully overseen the eRate program for close to 10 years at Sabinal ISD and have never had a situation like this occur before. It is clear that by filing the 470, 471 and other 486s that the intent was to order and use those services as requested. To have the Education Service Center 20 FRN 2604780 reduced so drastically has hurt us financially and has led to limited opportunities for staff and students at Sabinal ISD.

I am humbly requesting that the decision to reduce committed funds from \$38,880.00 to \$9,720.00 based on the late filing of Form 486 receipt of service for Education Service Center 20 be reversed and to have those committed funds restored to Sabinal ISD.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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